of New Delhi railway station. Along-with other garbage he took these objects to the railway quarters on Thompson Road. On opening these paper-wrapped bomb$_s$ he found nothing of interest. After wrapping them again i$_n$ paper and tying them with a string, h$_e$ threw them in the garbage. Next morning, when one of the inmates of the quarters ignited the garbage with a match-stick, one of the crude bombs exploded, injur ing two persons.

2. The bomb disposal squad was summoned and the remnants of the exploded and the unexploded device$_s$ were checked. A case u/s 3/4 Explosive Substances Act has been registered at Police Station Kamla Market, Delhi.

Violation of Rules regarding Posting of IPS Officiate

*392. SHRI CHANDRIKA PRASAD TRIPATHI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that accord ing to Rules, the IPs Officers are posted back to parent State Cadre after 3-5 years of outside tenure;

(b) whether it is also a fact that some Maharashtra State IPS Cadre officials presently posted in Border Security Force, Delhi have bee$_n$ post ed there continuously for ten or more jears i$_n$ violation of the abov$_e$ Rules;

(c) if so, what are their names, places of outside posting with dura tion during th$_e$ last ten year?:

(d) whether it i$_s$ also a fact that similar requests have been turned down in cases of IPS officials of other States; and

(e) by when the officials are proposed to be posted back to their parent Cadre?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) The deputation of IPS officers to Centra] Government is governed by Tenure Rules. According to these Rules, the normal tenure for officers of the rank of Superintendent of Folice is 4 years and fo$_r$ DIG/IG level officers, it is 5 years.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) to (e) Do not arise.

Bringing the River Ganga Back to the Dry Ghats

393. SHE BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES b$_e$ pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the recent movement launched at Kanpur to bring the Ganga back to the dry ghats; and

(b) if so, what is the response of the Central Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI DINESH SINGH): *(R)* Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government of India will extend technical assistance to the Government of Uttar Pradesh i$_n$ regard to proposals formulated by them. A Technical Committee was set up by. the Union Ministry of Environment and Forests to examine the matter. The Government of Uttar Pradesh would consider the recommendations of the Committee and formulate pro jcct proposals.

Killing of Rhinog of Kazirang$_a$ National Park by Poachers

*394. SHRI PEITHIBT MAJHT:
KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that rhinos are being killed every year by th$_e$ poachers \$_n$ Kazi ranga National Park, Assam;

(b) if so, how many rhinos have been unauthorisedly killed during the years 1985, 1986 anfl 1987; and

(c) whether Government have taken [a]*vy steps to save the rhinos from poachers and if so, what are the dr-tails thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. AN SARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The number of rhinos un. aulhorisedly killed in Kaziranga Na tional Park is reported to be 41 in 1P85, 41 in 1986 and 24 in 1987.

(c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House. (See below).

Statement

The steps taken to save rhinos from poachers include increased deployment of protection staff, consolidation and expansion of rhino hab-tats, procurement of vehicles, boars, arms and wireless sets for better communication and protection. For this a Centrally Sponsored Scheme for the Conservation of Rhinos in Assam with a VII Plan outlay of Bs. 5.0 crores, ig being implemented.

Moreover, the rhinos in Manas Tiger Reserve are receiving protection under the aegis of Project Tiger and to which the Central Government js providing assistance. The Kaziranga National Park has received financial assistance under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme for the protection and development of national parks and other sanctuaries holding rhino populations are re-ceiving financial assistance under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme for the protection and development of w'ldlife sanctuaries. Furthermore, funds have also been provided to the State Government of Assam on 50% cost sharing basis under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme *f.or* the Control of Poaching and Illegal Trade in Wildlife.

The State Government have strengthened the protective safeguards and staff to protect the rhino population there.

Merger of Customs Division of Madurai with Trjjehy Collectorate

*3&5. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:
SHRI K. GOPALAN:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Customs Division of Madurai has been merged with the Trichy Col. !< clorate;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether any representation has been received from the traders of Madurai Division to reconsider the decision; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) This was done to bring the Customs work in Tamil Nadu State, barring the areas under the jurisdiction of the Madras Custom House, under the control of one Collectorate.

(c) One of the Members of the Regional Advisory Committee of the Madurai Collectorate had pointed out in June 1987, that this might cause some inconvenience to public in Madurai. There has been no other representation from traders.

(d) A Customs Unit of Trichy Collectorate under an Additional Collector, who has the powers of a Col-tor nf Customs, is functioning at Madurai and >s available to the public for any clarification or redressal o? grievances.